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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Richard V. Lucas  
 Application No.: 09/804,180  
 Filed: March 12, 2001  
 For: MEAL COOLER CENTRIFUGAL SEPARATOR  
 Examiner: (Not yet assigned)  
 Group Art Unit: 1761

Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No.: S111.2-9524

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached:  
**1 pg Status letter; VAS transmittal and return postcard.**
2. With respect to fees:
  - No additional fee is required.
  - Attached is check(s) in the amount of
  - Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

## 3. CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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By:

  
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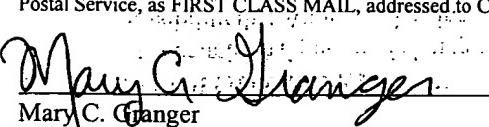
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 Mary C. Granger